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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, line 4 after the title, please insert the following:

This application is a 371 of PCT/JP00/00002 filed January 4, 2000.

Page 4, the paragraph beginning at line 28, please replace with the following paragraph:

The term "microtubule-interfering agent" as used herein means any drug that acts on the microtubule system and thereby exhibits an antitumor effect. According to their site of action, they are classified into compounds binding to β -tubulin and compounds binding to microtubule-associated proteins. Moreover, the compounds binding to β -tubulin are classified into compounds inhibiting the polymerization of tubulin by binding to β -tubulin and compounds promoting the abnormal polymerization of tubulin to the contrary. Specifically, the compounds inhibiting the